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TROUBLE IN NATIONAL CASH REG-ISTER COMPANY'S PLANT.

Began with a Contest Between a Foreman and a Small Union-The Present Status.

For several months past there have been | renewed operations: comments and inquiries among persons interested in the labor question about the strike at the plant of the National Cash until to-night, but that a meeting will be Register Company, Dayton, O. The plant has become known as the "model factory vote, they will return to work as a union to the name of their mother. The will of the world," because of the disposition on to-morrow. The company agrees to this, the part of the employers to beautify the and you may so say to your men. sucroundings of the working people. The to your treatment by the foreman in the have \$50; Mary Ross, another daughter, \$5; improvements, such as a free kin- foundry or elsewhere you have our com- and to her son, Taylor Swans, is left \$40. dergarten, library, boys' brigade, boys' gar- pany's agreement and promise that there den, women's guild, a system of baths in the factory and the entire plant beautified in the past. You may say further now with flowers, have conveyed the idea to the public that this company is pursuing the right method of treating its employes and setting an example that, if followed by others, would lead to a practical solution of the labor problem. The strike in the of departments may make, or to any action plant and the fact that the whole factory was shut down on account of it has caused much wonder. The facts in the case demo- ruling an appeal may be made to the presistrate that more than modern factory extension is necessary for a solution of the

labor question.

The strike is a peculiar one. It is not on account of wages or working hours, usually the causes of labor difficulties, although these issues figured in the movement which led up to the strike. The whole trouble there seems to be over a foreman named for re-election. Edgar A. Perkins and Har-McTaggart, who is said to be a hard man ry Slough are mentioned as probable can- of her husband and their father. Myers to work under. The beginning of the present trouble dates back to 1897. In that year the brass molders in the factory organized a union under the Metal Polishers', Buffers', Platers' and Brass Molders' Union of North America. This was done because the molding department and when it was discovered that a union had been formed, it is said that McTaggart discharged nine of the men, who were the leaders and ofbeers of the union, for slight infractions of ers' Union, contemplates starting a business the rules. The other members of the union | then withdrew from the organization. It is said that after the union was broken up McTaggart would get his men together and make speeches to them against trades unions and that his continued cry was for more work. He is quoted as saying: "What | 18 a day's work this year will not be a day's work next year. We need more work and when you become a tailender you will be dropped out. To keep some of you fellows would be an act of charity." This statement has become the slogan among the union men and perhaps did more to bring about the present strike than any other one thing.

THE TROUBLE'S BEGINNING. As a result of these remarks and his speeches against unions another union was organized in the brass foundry in October, 1899. It is charged that McTaggart tried to discourage this union by reading publications to them against trades unions, court decisions and quoting Scripture. The men this time refused to give up their union and on Dec. 2, 1899, asked to have it recognized. It is said that McTaggart then called the men together, asked those who had not joined the union to get on one side of a line, those who had joined and were sorry for it to get on the same side with them, and those who chose to stay with the union to step on the other. He Is Censured by the Board of Health Twelve men who had not joined the union took their places and were joined by four men who were sorry, leaving seventeen members of the union. To these seventeen McTaggart is quoted as saying: "You have now made your bed and you will Public Health will negligence in reporting have to lie in it, and you will be sorry within a year.' From that time on the bitter feeling be-

creased until there was no hope of a compromise. One of the international officers of the union waited upon the company and secured a compromise whereby the nonunion men were to join the union in thirty days, but they did not. In February the international union again took up the matter and found that there were but six of the seventeen members of the union left. The remaining six molders were then ordered out on strike. They were out four days when, for harmony's sake, another agreement was entered into, providing that all of the discharged members of the union should be reinstated and that the nonunion men should join the union. It is charged by the union that McTaggart again showed his dislike for the union and began to cut the prices on piece work, caused the men to quarrel among themselves, worked them overtime and at night in the hottest part of the summer of 1900 and did what he could to make it unpleasant for them. The overtime work caused stock to accumulate and in December, 1900, work became slack. The agreement is said to have contained a clause providing for the equal division of work when it was slack. While the work was still being divided it is said McTaggart put a new man at work and laid off two of the men who had lined up in favor of the union with the understanding tha they were laid off permanently. The international union again took up the matter and the company produced an agreement to the effect that after thirty days slack work the company had the right to lay off any man. The union denied that it entered into such an agreement and then trouble began to brew.

The matter which finally brought the question to issue was the publication of an article by McTaggart under the title of had been discharged. I said that in courarticle follows: "A hearty response to a | the case. I was told that one of the phycall for more work from the molders made | sicians had diagnosed his case as la grippe, out from Mr. Dornbush the unequaled task of making fifty No. 35 sides in one day of eleven hours. No one unfamiliar | Tuesday, the last day I prescribed for her, with the amount of labor necessary to accomplish this has any idea how much of | of Health as smallpox. I have never made a feat it is, viz., lifting about thirty-five | a visit to the Commons residence. tons and walking about eight miles. This shows very clearly how much can be years of successful practice in this city. done by one keeping himself in good con- to indicate my ability as a physician. I dition and putting forth his very best ef- have always lived up to all medical and forts to help the company in an emer- | sanitary laws."

gency. TRIED TO FORCE THE PRECEDENT. This article perhaps is as much responcible for the strike as anything else. The that McTaggart tried to have the precedent over the two discharged men was hanging fire. In March an apprentice was discharged, and on April 5, 1901, one of the seventeen men was let out on a charge of using profane language. The whole matter was then referred to the convention of the international officers to visit the company and demand the reinstatement of the four discharged men. The company refused, and on April 29 the molders struck, and the polishers and buffers, being a part of the union, went out in sympathy May 3, and on that day the company closed its entire

These are the issues, step by step, which | mysteries of red men's life of Sylvanis led up to the strike. Which side is re- Kingsley. sponsible is a question that may be discussed from various points of view. Persons interested in social and industrial betterment, independent of the trades and the debate on the question "Resolved, union movement, have expressed sympathy | That music exerts a greater influence on for the company, while, on the other hand, the labor organizations and the American Federation of Labor have indorsed the strike of the molders. The union claims that it offered arbitration, agreeing to leave the matter with President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, and President J. H. Patterson, of the company, they to choose a third arbiter, but the company refused. Men employed in other departments of the factory not affected by the strike are union men where their crafts are organized. How this strike will be settled is hard to determine, as the com- as follows: Emi, Robert Sweeney; grand pany insists that it has tried to do all in viser, Harry Ogborn; grand keepers of the its power to better the conditions of its employes and considers this strike such in- Plans are under way for a banquet to be gratitude that it will do no more.

Frank McCain, who is in the city representing the Metal Polishers', Buffers', Platers' and Brass Molders' Union, says that the union appreciates what the company has done along the lines of industrial and social betterment, and that its membelieved that if the union had had Patter- I duction. rouble is over the foreman. He said he

1 D. Dundy, the local representative of the company, says that the company is not fighting trades unions and that seventeen hundred employes of the plant are members ployes are not assigned to work under the jurisdiction of labor unions. He says since the plant resumed operations June 17 an 'open shop" has been maintained in the department where the men are striking, and that with the exception of the four reinstated when vacancies occur if they apply for work. He said the company offered to reinstate all of the men with the exception of the four discharged when the plant

Following is the letter written by Prestdent Patterson to the union when the plant "Gentlemen-You say that owing to circumstances no vote of your unions on the question of returning to work can be had held to-night and a vote will be taken then. You say in this case, and if the men so

shall be no discrimination against any man who returns to work because of his action | daughters, Jennie Ellis and Carrie B. Grill. that the president says to your men that he wants to make a clean start with no prejudice on either side, and he does further from whom the estate was inherited by now assure you that he intends to give his personal attention to the workings of your ons in his factory and to any complaints that the men may make or that the heads of the union which causes annoyance; also

Local Labor Notes.

dent, who will fully examine into the same

'If there is any complaint against any

he company will make this new rule:

and see that justice is done.

The members of Typographical Union, No. 1, are taking much interest in the candidates for president. E. P. Barry has announced that he will not be a candidate

The Cerealine Workers' Union will today devote one hour's time of its meeting

The labor organizations of the city, and the men claimed their wages were being particularly the Women's Label League, cut and to better their general working are taking an active part in the arrangecondition. There were twenty molders in | ments for the emercanine work with address the Women's Council in the Propylaeum March 31.

> President Forbes, of the Electrical Workof his own at Richmond. Ind.

> Now that the building trades have formed a building trades council, after several years of struggle in attempting it, much line of organization in the building trades. The council meets to-morrow night, which will be its first meeting since the officers were elected and the union was placed on a footing ready to do business.

The General Teamsters' Union is preparing to wait upon Mayor Bookwalter with application blanks to unionize all of the

The Labor day committee is already looking forward to this year's celebration. The the first Sunday in May, and an early start will be made in arranging for the entertainment features and celebration.

The Socialists will hold a general meeting to-day to make final arrangements for the Commune Festival March 23.

LETTER TO DR. EWING.

-Reply to Board.

In considering the case of Dr. Calvin K. Ewing, who is charged by the Board of a case of smallpox, the board yesterday morning took the action predicted by Dr. tween the union men and McTaggart in- Beuhler Friday. After deciding that Dr. Ewing was guilty of all charged by the city sanitarian, the board sent him the following letter through Dr. Buehler:

> "The Board of Health directs me to advise you that after a thorough ivestigation attendance upon Mrs. Claude Commons, 1324 East Tenth street, who has since been sent to the contagious hospital with a welldefined case of smallpox, and whose husband has since contracted the disease from her, they are of the opinion that you have been guilty of gross negligence in not reporting same to the health authorities. "They cannot excuse your action on any ground other than wanton ignorance of the most elementary principles of medical diagnosis, and if there was the least doubt of your knowledge of the real condition we would feel that you should be punished according to the provisions of the statute. "The board has resolved that in the future if any suspected cases of contagious diseases are not reported to the authori-

When asked about the case last night Dr. | sential for necessary improvements. Ewing made the following statement: "I wish to make this statement regardthe Mrs. Commons case on East Tenth for nervous and other diseases; the last on to take charge of the case of Mrs. Comtwo physicians had been called and neither The | tesy to those physicians I could not take and the other had declared it to be small-

acteristic smallpox eruption on or before I could not report the case to the Board "I am perfectly willing, with fifteen

M. T. H. S. NEWS NOTES.

The Science Club will elect officers at its neeting to-morrow afternoon. Sara Kautsky entertained the girls' senior Society of Puritans Friday afternoon. The Hykya "frat," a January '02 society, met Wednesday evening with Harry Cop-

Miss Elizabeth Everett was hostess Friday afternoon at a meeting of the Hana Batake Sorority of Japanese Maidens. The June class of 1903 has chosen the following set of officers: President, Nathan Redding; vice president, Lillie King; secretary, Hazel Avery; treasurer, James Mc-

The Indian, fraternity of January, 1901, known as the Powwows, will hold a big camp fire to-morrow night at the home of Burton Raffensperger. The principal cause of this meeting is the introduction into the

Club will meet to-morrow afternoon. The character than literature" was spirited and

New officers have recently been chosen by the M. T. H. S. Senate and are as follows: President, Senator Deboe (Charles Jennings); vice president, Senator Elkins (Hazel Avery); reading clerk, Senator Culberson (Charles Boyle.)

entertained his fraternity, the Sheyks of plasters, Will Wheeler and Roy Howard, given soon for the members who will leave next fall for college.

Cut in Price of Spirits.

PEORIA, Ill., March 1.-There was a cut of I cent to-day in the quotations of spirits, | policy scheme. Motion to quash sunstained. bers do not feel harshiy towards President | The basis for finished goods was reduced Patterson personally, but that the whole from \$1.31 to \$1.30. The declining price of On motion of defendant court set aside is said to be responsible for the re- forfeiture of bond.

COMBINATION OF NAMES

of labor organizations. The other em- THE WILL OF HULDA ROBINSON AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

men discharged any of the strikers will be All of the Children of Different Names -Suit to Recover Part of a Judgment.

> near Southport, which was probated yesterday, leaves all of his property to his widow, Elizabeth J. Williams.

Four Children of Henry Myers Ste His Widow.

seeking to get a share in the damages received by their stepmother from the S., S. & T. Oil Company, on account of the death was killed by one of the oil company's teams and Mrs. Myers brought suit for damages, receiving a verdict for \$4,000 with \$400 interest. After the attorneys' fees were deducted there was \$3,200 left, and it is a portion of this that the four children of Henry Myers by a former marriage are trying to get. It is said that when Mrs. Myers married Henry Myers she persuaded of the judgment but Mrs. Myers and her three children preferred to keep it. The four children also wish to cut Mrs. Myers entirely out because they say she was married a third time and before the judgment was affirmed by the Appellate Court, and hence was not a widow.

The divorce suit filed Friday by Maude Walterhouse against John T. Walterhouse, deputy county prosecutor, caused no surprise in Muncie, where the woman is known. The marriage af Walterhouse to the since their marriage there has been much domestic trouble in the family. In a di- May Klepinger et al.; mechanic's lien. Su-Court. Mrs. Walterhouse was made codefendant by a woman who sought a divorce from her husband. Mr. Walterhouse has served three terms as deputy prosecuting attorney of Delaware county and was for a time private secretary to Representative Cromer during his first term of office. When Mr. Cromer was prosecuting attorney Walterhouse first served as

Says He Was Humiliated.

Argument in Tate Case.

Judge Carter, of the Superior Court, yeserday heard argument on the motion for a new trial in the case of Irene Allison against the estate of Helen J. Tate for services as a domestic. After two weeks' of the circumstances connected with your | trial the jury awarded Mrs. Allison \$6,000 The attorneys for the estate at once filed a motion for a new trial. They argued vesterday that the verdict was not susprejudiced and there should be no amount allowed. Judge Carter has the motion under advisement.

Strip of Land in Controversy.

The Union Traction Company has filed instruments of appropriation in the Circuit Court for a right-of-way for its line through the property owned by Peter Negley and wife and John H. Goff and wife, northeast of the city. The company and ties, whether through ignorance or neglect. the property holders could not agree upon brief. the persons guilty of same shall be dealt | a price for the land. The company wants a strip 161/2 feet wide, which it says is es-

A Suit for \$25,000.

The cases of John Orme and his wife, who were tried for the same offense, were ordered to be in court Wednesday morning, at which time decisions in both cases | at \$25,000.

THE COURT RECORD.

SUPERIOR COURT. Room 1-John L. McMaster, Judge. ment against defendant for costs.

liam M. Johnson et al.; lien. Finding due plaintiff for \$8.25 on Lot 21, as against defendants Keehner and Southard. defendant Healey.

William M. Lewis et al. vs. John Lewis et al.; partition. Commissioner's final report approved. Commissioner discharged. CRIMINAL COURT.

William Wilson; acting as agent for royal visitor. Ben Shartle; selling a share in lottery.

The will of Hulda Robinson, probated yesterday, contains an unusual combination of names. The estate is left to five daughters and one son, but there are no two names alike nor is there any similarity provides that Mrs. Robinson's daughters, Regarding any anxiety you may have as Sylvia Marshall, and Ellen Scott shall each The residue of the estate is left to her two Mrs. Robinson, that these two daughters should have it. W. W. Herod was ap-pointed executor of the estate, giving a The will of William Williams, who lived

WANT PART OF JUDGMENT.

The four children of Henry Myers are

No Surprise in Muncie.

John Green yesterday filed suit against

Volney T. Malott, receiver of the T. H. & I. Railroad, for \$1,500 damages. He avers that when he attempted to board a train at Plainfield the conductor assaulted him, pulled him off of the steps of the coach, and held him until all of the other passen- errors. gers who were waiting to board the train | 19738. Town of Fredericksburg vs. Chas. were on. He says this was done in the Wilcoxen. Washington C. C. Joint petition presence of many persons, including a num- to advance. ber of his acquaintances, and that he was

Herbert D. Moore, sixteen years old, by his next friend, Alonzo Moore, yesterday filed suit against Charles R. Williams and Delevan Smith, proprietors of the Indianapolis News, for \$25,000. He was an assistant pressman in the News office and lost his arm in a press. The boy's mother, Eliza Howard, brought suit for \$5,000 less for the loss of her son's services.

Orme Case Continued.

Stella Eddington vs. James T. Eddington divorce. Finding and decree for plaintiff with restoration of maiden name. Judg-James W. Hackney vs. Florence B. Hacknéy; divorce. Finding and decree for plaintiff at his cost.

Room 3-Vinson Carter, Judge. The Marion Bond Co., trustee, vs. Wil-City Bond Co. vs. Mary Healey et al.; lien. Finding due plaintiff for \$5, as against Indianapolis News; damages. Plaintiff dis-

plaintiff for costs. CIRCUIT COURT.

Henry Clay Allen, Judge. Company vs. Charles W. Briggs et al.; appropriation of lands. Finding for betitioner. appraise land lien sought to be appro-

Harriet S. Coleman vs. Gilbert L. White's claim against Edward E. White Joseph Guiffer naturalized.

Fremont Alford, Judge.

"It's the crank on the Simplex" that al-Preston Hopson; incorrigibility. Defend- ner Music Co.

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ant pleads not guilty. Evidence heard and sentence suspended during good behavior. HISTORY NEW SUITS FILED.

Aetna Saving and Loan Association vs. Milton Gentry et, al.; mortgage foreclosure. Superior Court, Room 1. John Green vs. Volney T. Malott et al.: F. MARION CRAWFORD DISCOURSES damages. Demand \$1,500. Circuit Court. Union Traction Company of Indiana vs. Peter Negley et al.; instrument of appropriation. Circuit Court. George Rickes, jr., et al. vs. Henrietta perior Court, Room 1.

Michael W. Flanagan vs. John Neimeyer et al.; mortgage foreclosure. Circiut Court. Eliza Howard vs. Charles R. Williams et al.; damages. Demand \$5,000. Superior Court. American Coal Company vs. Rufus Crull; on account, Superior Court, Room 2. Union Traction Company of Indiana vs. New York Commercial Advertiser. Frances M. Groff et al.; instrument of appropriation, Circuit Court.

ant pleads not guilty. Evidence heard and

Herberd D. Moore, by his next friend. Amyr Moore, vs. Charles R. Williams et al.; damages. Demand \$25,000. Superior

SUPREME COURT. 19755. James M. Bolton vs. William Clark Parke C. C. Joinder. Assignment of

HIGHER COURTS' RECORD.

APPELLATE COURT. -Minutes.-3889. Patrick T. O'Brien et al. vs. James M. Bradley et al. Madison S. C. Appellees' petition for transfer.

3890. Patrick T. O'Brien et al. vs. Daniel

W. Bush et al. Madison S. C. Appellees' petition for transfer. 4237. Mary Tobin vs. John W. Tobin Marion S. C. Appellant's additional au 4205. Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company vs. Fernando W. Daegling. Lake S. C. Ap-

pelice's brief. 4223. State Bank of Indiana vs. Victor tained by the evidence, that the jury was | M. Backus et al. Marlon S. C. Appellees' The Peck-Williamson Heating and Ventilating Company vs. Stein School Township of Knox county, Indiana. Rec- | the facts and not on the story. When a ord. Assignment of errors. Joinder. In

4369. Mary Burke et al. vs. Richard Barrett et al. Vigo C. C. Record. Assignment of errors by Terre Haute Trust Company. Assignment of errors by A. J. Dunnigar, executor. Notices served. 4262. James Cooney vs. the American absorbing thing, not the accompaniment of Mutual Life Insurance Company of Elkhart. St. Joseph C. C. Appellant's reply

STATE'S NEW INDUSTRIES.

Several Concerns.

There was filed yesterday in the office Thomas H. Spann, Henry J. Spann, Horace B. Holloway, Henry D. Franckel and James Lodge. The three last named have been connected with the firm for many years. Mr. Thomas H. Spann, president of the new firm, says the reason the firm was incorporated was to perpetuate the name of the organization established and built up by his father. The capital stock is placed

articles was the Brown River Sand and Supply Company. The company proposes to dig sand and gravel from the river and sell the same for building purposes. The capital stock is placed at \$10,000. The directors are L. H. Brown, George W. Brown | from novel reading is in placing himself and John W. Brown.

The Daniel De Prez Manufacturing Company, of Shelbyville, was also incorporated. sell ice and also operate a cold storage plant. The company's capitalization is fixed | their very home it may be-really exist and at \$75,000. The incorporators are Daniel De | they visit those places not only in imagi-Prez. Harry W. De Prez and Herbert B.

The Antioch Coal Company, of Linton. was incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. The directors are Morton Gould, John A. Halbert and Frank Nichols. The Paxton Veterinary Medicine Company, of Laporte, was incorporated with a Herbert D. Moore, by next friend, vs. The | capital stock of \$100,000. The directors are William D. Paxton, Clea Paxton, Edwin misses cause at his cost. Judgment against | Armstion and E. Leliter.

Spiritualism at English's.

The programme arranged by Prof. Ralph Indianapolis & Plainfield Electric Railroad | Moore, the Eastern spiritualist and medium, who is to give a public seance at English's Emil C. Rassman, William T. Steele and Opera House to-night, is an elaborate one and the great development of America as William J. Lowry appointed appraisers to and includes tests never before performed in public in this city. The first part of The demand always, to a certain extent, Estel Lewis vs. Omber Lewis et al.; for Professor Moore's seance will be given up Dismissed without prejudice. to demonstrations of the power of mind George L. Suilivan, administrator, vs. mate objects perform his bidding and will prophet. He has forewarnings of what is He posted all night and the next day, still Sarah Catherine Waymire et al.; to con- raise a newspaper or a sheet of music so soon to interest the public before the in his evening clothes, weather bitterly strue will. Defendants Pullems, Filkes, that it remains in the air while a committee | reader himself realizes what he wants. Heweys and Carneys defaulted. Submitted from the audience walks underneath it and He writes what is to be the book of the his Scotchman, in whose house he lay per to court. Finding for plaintiff and that examines it. He will produce flowers from (Alvin Connaroe); secretary. Senator Bard | Catherine Waymire is entitled to rents and | the air on a fully lighted stage, show table profits and \$500. Costs taxed to estate of turning, the talking skull, which may be held on a sheet of glass by any one in the Estate; claim. Submitted to court. Find- be materialized, and will give tests in mind to fortune. Then, too, the book that has ing for claimant. Claim allowed for \$56.89, reading. One of the strange things he in-Administrator directed to prosecute said troduces is a pen which, suspended by a ribbon from a bracket in full view, writes a novel that sold to the extent of 2,000 ger, who was being sent home with dis answers to questions propounded from the audience. Professor Moore's seance will begin promptly at 8 o'clock to-morrow and will last about two hours, so that those who desire to catch a glimpse of Prince Henry to-morrow night may attend the seance and still be in plenty of time for the

lows such responsive accentuation. Wulsch-

ON LITERARY TENDENCIES.

Reasons for the Popularity of the His torical Novel in America-Limitations in This Field.

F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, who sails for Europe to-morrow, when asked to give his views on the future of the American historical novel touched upon the subject of our literary future and expressed himself with some positiveness

about realism in fiction. "The run of the historical novel," said Mr. Crawford, "will last as long as the and attractive enough. History at its best as it is taught in our schools is an exceedingly dry subject, and no normal intellectual digestion can long retain the hard, cold facts there offered. So Mr. Churchill, whom we will take as an excellent example of this new school of writers-for his "Richard Carvel" and "Crisis" are adrelating the adventures of a hero and ing them through a fascinating period of happy end. It is very entertaining reading, but it isn't fiction or romance in the real sense of the word. The interest turns on singer sings a beautiful air, all the while strumming his guitar, the song itself is what holds our attention, not the accompaniment. So when a story teller relates his tale the story itself should be the allfact. With the historical romancer the too, that the novelists of the class to which

I belong cling to their ideas, not writing solely for the popular reader. With us the story itself is the end in view." with historical ones, saying that there was not among his own a single historical novel in the strict sense of the term, not harped upon too long or it becomes monotonous. Truth is exhaustible, fiction is inexhaustible. American history is a fertile field for the novelist; it has a splendid range of subjects, but they cannot last forever. The richer in incidents a period is, the greater the number of novels which can be written about that period. One thousand novels might be written about

the civil war, whereas the war of 1812 would furnish material for scarcely two or "One advantage of history over pure or heroine really lived and loved and hated and that the scenes in which they livednation but in reality, it seems much easier for him to fancy that he could have lived as well and died as nobly than it is to identify himself with a purely imaginary personage. With the material association, the reader feels much more at home. Have you ever noticed the first question the child asks after hearing a story-Is it really true? and if boys and girls are the fathers and mothers of men and women it seems natural enough that an exciting fact should be more interesting than an equally exciting fable.

'Does the historical novel mark an era in literature, you ask? Not at all. It is simply significant of the growing pride of the American citizen in his own country. He is just begining to realize his power compared with that of Europe, and his padetermines the kind of literature produced in any age. Every writer who meets with success is something of a pitched his clothes into his portmanteau time, almost unconsciously, and his popu- due for weeks, writer, hardly knowing what he does, comes in on that 'tide in the affairs of the horn of the 'Queen's Messenger' blown men which, taken at the flood, leads on three times to be ready to go with the been written a little prematurely leaps stormy night, he heard the welcome sound into fame. I can remember the time when | and, disguised as a servant of the messencopies was considered a fair success, while one that sold 30,000 was a wonder." CONCERNING REALISM.

Questioned about realism in the literature of to-day, Mr. Crawford replied: "I do not think that there is a career for so-called realism in fiction. It is a strange thing, but did you ever reflect on the fact that | America? I think I may say in England, I Jewelry, 28 Monument p

Shakspeare, our greatest dramatist, really never wrote a single play on an immoral theme, not excepting even 'Troilus and Cressida.' The success of Zola may seem to refute this, but his novels are not at heart immoral, though they treat of immoral subjects. In writing them Zola was convinced that they would do some good. Every realistic portrayal of immorality

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tends to destroy some ideals, and I do not believe that anything can endure which strikes at what is best in us, either at our defined religious beliefs, or at our highest and noblest illusions, and these illusions it is the mission of art to create and foster. "A renaissance in poetry? Well, I think to save poetry we need a great modern poet, a man who will not only write beautiful poetry, as many do in our day, but will treat the old subjects in some vitally new way. Practically all poetic themes have been worked almost to exhaustion.

The new poet must be a great creator. There cannot be a second Wordsworth or

a second Byron, to take two extremes as In replying to a question about a distinctive school of American fiction the novelist seemed to think the term a much abused one. "So far as I can see," he said, "in the history of all arts in all parts of the world what is called a school has always presupposed the existence of a great master, about whom scholars gather. have never heard of any school that left historical romancer can find incidents fresh | much behind it which at the beginning consisted of men more or less on an equality. here were great. Italian painters who led painters that followed them and sometimes outbid them, and the great Greek philosophers had scholars, but there never was an Italian school of painting, a Greek school of philosophy, or a school of English literature in the real sense of the term as defined above. And is there here in Amer-

class, one of the very highest whom the majority can be said to be following, con-There is undeniably a literary future for this cosmopolitan country. America is heroine, who are always typical, straight- the gathering place of all the old nations, forward American boy and girl, and, lead- and consequently, while one does not expect men of any one particular talent to appear in one particular place, one may history, brings the story to a pleasant and | fairly hope that a nation composed of all the strongest and best elements of the old-world nations will before long produce great modern poet or man of letters; and I mean great in the sense that the one man

ica to-day, among many writers of high

in a century is great." TENNYSON'S FATHER'S FLIGHT.

Showed a Singular Lack of Sense at a Russian Dinner Table.

The following curious story, somewhat differently related in the Life of Tennyson, part of the "Personal Recollections of Tennyson," by Capt. W. Gordon McCabe. published in the March Century. The laureate is speaking:

"My father," he said, "was a most impulsive man, and spoke out whatever was uppermost in his mind. Soon after the assassination of the Emperor Paul he went on a tour through Russia, and stopped at Moscow, where the court resided, and where Lord St. Helens was English ambassador. He and my father had been friends at Cambridge, and so my father had the freedom of the embassy while in the Russian capital. One night St. Helens had a grand finner, at which were all the foreign ambassadors and many Russian notables, not "In some way it came about that guarded allusion was made, during the din ner, to the death of the late Czar, My father, who caught it, leaned over, almost | across the breast of some Russian dignitary covered with decorations, who sat next to him, and cried out in his quick, mpulsive way, 'Why, St. Helens, what's the use of speaking so gingerly about a matter so notorious? We know well enough in England that the Emperor Paul was murdered in the Mikhailovski Palace, and we know exactly who did it. Count Zoboff knocked him down, and Benningsen and Count Pahlen strangled him.

"An appalling hush fell for a moment

upon the table, and then Lord St. Helens at once rushed into some subject discreetly foreign to the sixth commandment. "It's the custom, as you know." continued he, "in Russia not to sit over the wine, as is usual in England, but to go into another room where the samovar is, and there have tea, or more wine or vodka, and a smoke. As the company rose, Lord St. Helens, standing by the door as the guests filed out, gave my father a meaning look to drop behind the rest. As my father came up to him, he said, in a hurried whisper: Don't go into the next room, but fly for your life. No flag can protect you in such a ountry as this. The man next you, across whose breast you leaned, was Count Pahlen, one of the most powerful nobles i Russia. Zoboff was at the table, too, and you have publicly charged both of them with being assassins. If you don't get away to-night, you'll be inside the dungeons of St. Peter and St. Paul within forty-eight hours, uo to a Scotch merchant's, whom know, just outside of Odessa' (giving him the name), 'and he will conceal you until can contrive to get you out of the country if it be possible. Post to-night-the fastest horses you can get. I'll keep the company as late as I can. Don't even stop to change your clothes.'

"My father rushed away to his hotel called up his courier, and made him order a four-horse droshky while he literally cold: but he had a clever courier, and found

"St. Helens managed to get a message to man who gave the signal. At last, one natches (which, by the way, he lost, as he was very drunk, but which were found by my father), and for whom an English frigate was waiting at Odessa, got safe on board and so back to England.

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